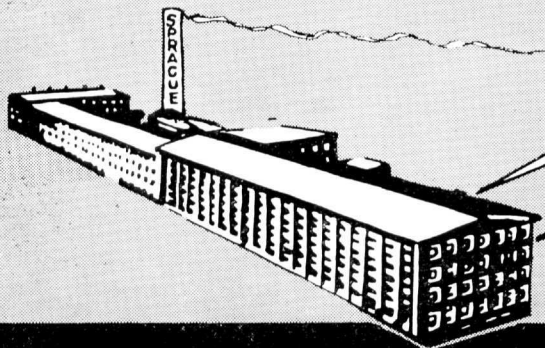


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A press photographer furnished us with the above photograph of Mr. Robert C. Sprague, President of the Sprague Electric Company, testifying before the Manufacturers Association on the subject of taxes. The man on Mr. Sprague's right is Glen McDaniel, Vice President of Radio Corporation of America and Chairman of the Association's Defense Profits Tax Committee.

Mr. R. C. Sprague Appointed to Payroll Savings Committee

It was announced on November 30 that Mr. R. C. Sprague, President of the Sprague Electric Company has been elected a member of the state payroll savings advisory committee.

Mr. Sprague's appointment was announced by Mr. W. S. Trowbridge of the Boston Savings Bond division of the Treasury Department.

Log Needs Addresses Of Sprague Employees In Armed Forces

At the present time, forty-two employees from the Sprague Electric Company have gone into the armed forces of the United States.

We would like to have the addresses of these servicemen in order that we may send them the SPRAGUE LOG. Please send the addresses to the LOG desk at the Beaver Street plant.

COMMUNITY LEADERS CONFERENCE Sponsored By Chamber Of Commerce

With thirty-five representatives of business, industry in attendance, the North Adams Chamber of Commerce sponsored an Area Community Leaders Conference which was held at the Williams Inn on November 30 and December 1. The Conference was opened by Mr. Courtney W. Flanders, from the Employee Relations Department of the Sprague Electric Company, who gave the opening speech and introduced Dr. Neal Bowman and Mr. Marion Wise, Jr.

Dr. Bowman, author, lecturer, educator, sale psychologist and veteran NAM staff speaker guided the teaching part of the two-day program. Mr. Wise, economic authority of the NAM staff provided the facts and arguments against collectivism in all forms.

Berkshire Orchestra Holds Concert

The Berkshire Community Symphony Orchestra will hold its first concert of this season on December 11, 1950 at Chapin Hall in Williamstown. Mr. Irwin Shainman will conduct the orchestra.

Tickets for the concert are \$1.20 and may be obtained from the SPRAGUE ELECTRIC LOG desk.

Local Store Hours During Christmas Season

To aid Christmas shoppers, the North Adams retail stores will observe the following hours during the holiday season: Beginning on December 6, stores will remain open all day Wednesday; on Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16 and on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 20, 21, 22, and 23 the stores will be open until 9 p.m.

There are just thirteen more shopping days until Christmas.

"As Ye Sow, So Ye Shall Reap"

Waste of anything at anytime is a deplorable fact but during a world crisis such as we are now involved in, waste can mean loss of everything for which we Americans have worked. Waste spelled out means W for War, A for allocations, S for shortages, T for time and E for efficiency of work necessary to eliminate waste.

Every industry is now faced with the problem of reductions in civilian production due to allocations of aluminum, copper, nickel, cobalt, tin and zinc, thus waste and its elimination problems must receive top priority in the months ahead. Reductions in civilian production means reduction in the purchasable articles you, you and you will be able to buy, articles we all take for granted in our high standard of American life.

There are not enough of the vital materials available in the United States to have one hundred percent civilian production of goods using these metals and at the same time produce enough for our military needs. The answer is, of course, a cut in the amount of metals available for civilian materials.

To maintain our civilian market, every effort possible must be made to obtain the greatest volume with the allocated supply. Every employee as a consumer must consider this shortage in relation to all other industries producing our daily needs. The purchase of unnecessary articles can cause a shortage and deprive the person who really needs the item.

All employees should carefully review his work and methods to make every scrap of material pay its own way, to make himself produce the greatest possible volume of acceptable articles. Some may think these efforts "peanuts" but in the present crisis, "peanuts" in volume could lick the shortage. As the waste elimination program rolls ahead with every employee striving for our common goods, the ideas and suggestions must come from everybody. In the final analysis, the people, as in the past, will decide the fate of democracy.

Faced with the possibility that we as a nation may be on a military production basis from four to six years, we can and will learn a great deal from the elimination of waste. This knowledge will be of tremendous value when we again return to civilian production.

Many people can do a job and do it well. But the man who thinks about what he is doing as well as doing it, can save himself and his company, time, effort and materials. In this case, the Biblical saying "As Ye Sow, So Ye Shall Reap" is really applicable.

ANNUAL SERVICE PIN DINNER



Miss Antoinette Sacco, who received a twenty-year pin, is congratulated by Mr. R. C. Sprague. To the right of Mr. Sprague are Mr. John D. Washburn, Mr. William J. Nolan and Dr. Preston Robinson.

The annual ten, fifteen, twenty-year service pin dinner was held on November 29 at the Blue Room in the Richmond Hotel. Thirty-eight twenty-year pins, forty-five fifteen-year pins and eleven ten-year pins were presented to employees of the Sprague Electric Company by Mr. R. C. Sprague, President.

The tables and banquet room were decorated in a festive holiday spirit with a combination of candles, Christmas bells and evergreens. Each lady was given a corsage in keeping with the same holiday theme.

Mr. John D. Washburn, Director of Personnel, who was toastmaster welcomed the employees and their guests on behalf of Sprague Electric Company. Mr. Robert E. Wall, Vice-President of Wall Streeter Shoe Co. and Mr. Harry Wein, Acting Mayor of North Adams, who were guest speakers, both complimented the Sprague employees on the length of their service with the Company. Mr. R. C. Sprague spoke of the helpfulness of North Adams industries when the Sprague Electric Company was first organized twenty years ago and the wonderful cooperation of the Wall Streeter Shoe Co. during the war when we were working on gas masks for the Government. Mr. Sprague praised the employees who worked so long and faithfully and helped in the advancement and growth of Sprague Electric. He spoke about the future in that shortages of material would affect the production of civilian goods, however, he said that military contracts would offset the reduction in the production of articles for civilian use.

Ninety-four service pins were presented by Mr. Sprague to the following people:

TWENTY YEAR PINS

Lars Andersen, Mildred Bathaway, Arthur Bissaillon, John Callahan, Marion Caron, Clayton Collins, Lillian Colo, Helen Connors, Mary Conrad, James Cooper, Yvonne Day, Mary Daniels, Amelia Dean, Charles Dean, Stanley Denoyan, Theresa Deso, Flora Duquette, Elizabeth Fleury, Arcade Gibeau, Ruth Graves, Ellsworth Griffin and Alma Kent.

Also Dan Kimball, Leda King, Florence Lecuyer, Leo Lemoine, A. B. Lindquist, Julio Pedrin, George F. Petry, Fred Potter, Clarence Pratt, Mary C. Roberts, T. J. Rondeau, Antoinette Sacco, Violet Scott, Dan Shea, Howard Sherman, Lena Simonelli, Adele Solari, Frances Solari, George Theberge, Mary Troia, Roy Trottier, Paul Trudeau and Theresa Vitro.

FIFTEEN YEAR PINS

Jennie Battory, Clarence Bliss, Cecile Bombardier, Everett Brown, Katie Bryce, Mary Burro, Norman Chenail, Esther Driscoll, John Faustini, John Fortini, Wilfred Gilbert, Andrew Giretti, Florence Gosselin, William Grogan, Melva Heelan, Lucius Henry, Beatrice Hill and Peter Jobin.

Also Cecelia Krzanek, Susan LaBelle, Felix Lemieux, Ursula Marceau, Thomas Martin, Mary Maselli, Donald Meiklejohn, Eunice A. Moran, Odvar Ness, William Pierce, Della Remillard, Clifford Roy, Hattie Roy, Kenneth Russell, Molly C. Scerbo, Irene Shea, John Shields, John Smith, Harold Stevens and Vera Uberty.

TEN YEAR PINS

Harold Chilson, George DeGrenier, Leslie Dustin, William Falcon, Bernard Fitzpatrick, William Mausert, Henry Meczywor, John Murray, John Raby, Henry Puppolo and Charles G. Roy.

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TIME WILL TELL

Can you remember, today, what you worried about five years ago—last year—or even last month? Surprising isn't it, how short your memory is on those problems and difficulties which at the time you believed were practically insurmountable and threatening your little personal world with complete chaos?

Certainly, you can remember some of the bigger worries—the unexpected major operation for the head of the house, having your new car smashed in an accident, the house catching on fire, or losing your wallet just after you drew the final mortgage payment out of the bank. Somehow though, with time, those problems clarified themselves and you not only lived through them but also found yourself able to enjoy life again.

In this connection, there's a lesson for us in the perspective of history. Time, and only time, can tell what the solution of any situation will be. Therefore, to fret our emotions out in futile worry about a situation and to unconsciously associate failure with our efforts is to weaken our attempts to solve the problem. Faith is the foundation of any successful venture.

This point is borne out in the United States' history time and again. Back in 1776, when the Colonies declared their independence, the prospects of becoming, in time, the greatest nation in the world were laughable. In establishing the nation, they faced grim and almost overwhelming problems which jeopardized the future of the nation.

But always when the situation looked blackest, there were some hardy souls who kept their faith in the future and refused to be conquered by the fears of the particular present they faced. Our contemporary greatness is really a memorial to those courageous ones who refused to bow in terrified cowardice before the frustrations and the obstacles they faced down and through the years of history.

We, as individuals, can do no less in our personal lives. Somehow we will survive the worries and problems of the present. In time, we may even see in them a pattern which was a proverbial blessing in disguise and working to our future advantage. So let's take the present with faith and high courage, for only time can help us work out the final solution.

AT THE CONFERENCE



At the Industrial Leaders' Conference are left to right, Mr. Marion J. Wise, Mr. Courtney W. Flanders, Chairman, and Dr. Neal Bowman.

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some businessmen think that the state should have control over our economy."

Mr. Wise pointed out that collectivists claim that big business is a monopoly, that they make the mistake of thinking that the words big and monopoly mean the same thing. Public utilities, like power companies and telephone companies would be ineffective if they were not monopolies, these are monopolies by public consent. The public not only insists on their being monopolies but makes out the rules and regulations under which they operate.

Mr. Wise argued that the government has no more right to operate on a wasteful basis than a private individual. "Each community can do a great deal in its own way to save money and waste. You can judge your congressmen, not by what he brings home but by what they have managed to cut off in the way of federal spending." He said every state in the Union is willing to talk economy so long as it applies to the other forty-seven states.

Mr. Wise cited as an example of waste the \$100,000 study by the Agriculture Department on "The Sleeping Habits of the American Male," the most important findings being that the wealthy buy more pyjamas than poor men, that the higher bracket-income earners purchase more costly mattresses, etc.

The conference speakers showed up the importance of the challenge posed by anti-Americans and what community leaders must do to combat this undermining of Americanism.

Mr. J. G. P. Milne of the Sprague Electric Company was elected chair-

man of a committee tentatively called the Speakers Bureau Steering Committee.

After Mr. Flanders outlined plans and methods of a follow-up campaign, Mr. Harold Carson of Sprague Electric nominated Mr. Milne for the proposed committee. The nomination was unanimously carried and Mr. Milne brought home to those present the job ahead. He pointed out that he was American by choice and he believes that it will be worth fighting for this choice. Mr. Milne appointed the following committee who are charged with the task of forming a speakers and forum panel bureau and who with the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce will carry on the work of the Conference. The committee is composed of Mr. Milne, Chairman, Mr. Richard Hunter of the James Hunter Machine Co., Mr. Bart B. Barry of the Northern Berkshire Gas Co., Mr. Courtney W. Flanders of the Sprague Electric Company, Mr. Patrick Geraghty of the Hoosac Mills Corp., Mr. Robert N. Taylor, Superintendent of North Adams Schools, Mr. William Widen of the R. J. Widen Co., Mr. Henry Jarisch, of Henry Jarisch, Jr., Inc., Mr. Francis Grant, Superintendent of Williamstown Schools, Mr. Robert E. Wall, of the Wall Streeter Shoe Co., and Mr. Malcolm Wilson, of the North Chamber of Commerce was appointed Secretary of the committee. After this committee meets, a general meeting of all the conference members will be held in the Northern Berkshire Gas Co. auditorium on December 12.

In closing the conference, Dr. Bowman emphasized that "You've got to

sell the sizzle and not the steak; our standard of living is nine times better than anywhere else in the world, yet we have more loose thinkers in this country than we have thinkers loose. It's a case of the firsttest with the most-est."

The conference was closed with a general question and answer period with the people in attendance asking numerous questions that they are often asked. Mr. Wise directed this portion of the program giving answers that could be passed on for the benefit of the public. The interest and enthusiasm of the whole conference indicates that Mr. Milne and his committee will have a large and willing group with which to work. In the near future it is hoped that speakers and forum groups will be available and chairmen of various social organizations and school groups will take advantage of this opportunity in their program entertainment planning.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rosenberg recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Lila Jane to Francis Stanton, Jr. Mr. Stanton is employed in the Paper Rolling Department.

Births

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Armata on November 20. Mr. Armata is employed in Foil Preparation.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond B. Trudeau on November 21. Mr. Trudeau is employed in the Dry Tubular Finish Department.

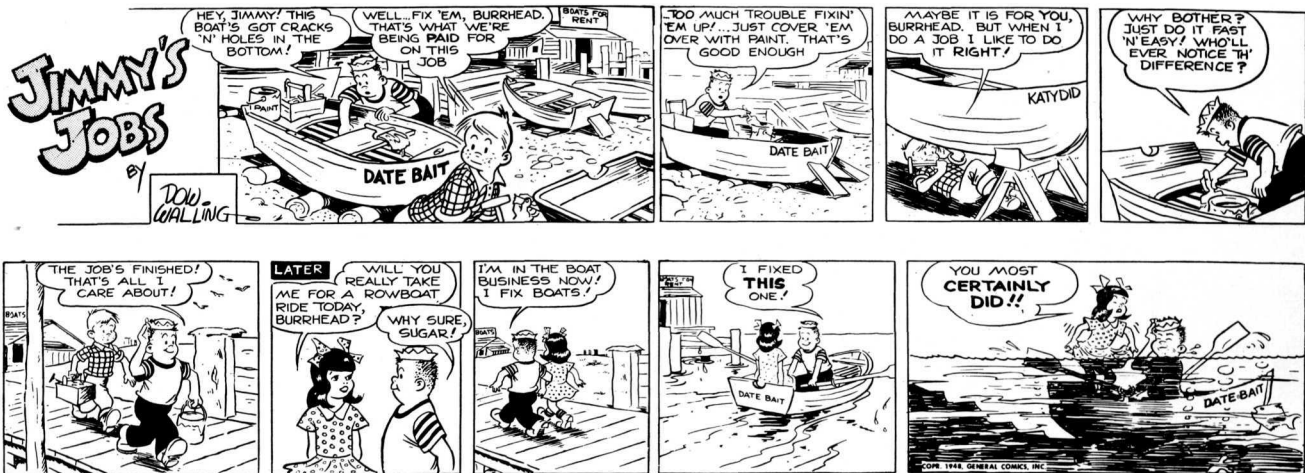
DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Dobbelt on November 20. Mrs. Dobbelt works in the Molded Tubular Solder Department.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Rondeau on November 21. Mr. Rondeau is employed in the Foil Preparation Department.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Earl T. Scott on November 21. Mr. Scott is employed in Misc. Dry Rolling while Mrs. Scott works in the Molded Tubular Solder Department.

Captain Kay Burns In North Adams

Captain Kay Burns, formerly of the Sales Office enlisted in the WAC in January, 1943. She served in Europe during the war and re-enlisted when the war was over. She is stationed in Washington, D. C. and at the present time is making a tour of the New England states recruiting girls for the WAC. She was at the recruiting office at the North Adams Post Office on November 29 and was visited by several of her friends from here.





P.A.A. Wax Pouring

By Mary Bua
Ruth Williams recently went on a shopping trip to Springfield. Guess we won't borrow money from Ruthie now. Congratulations to Alma Kent on her twenty years at Sprague Electric. A word of advice to two mothers on our line—practice what you preach, ladies. These two were telling their daughters all one afternoon not to spill jelly on their coats. By the time that the afternoon was over, the mothers themselves were covered with the same jelly. Have you had your coats cleaned, yet, Beatrice and Alma. Time to get your Christmas shopping done, folks.

Round Midget Assembly

By Ceil Shanahan
Welcome to all of the new girls and we hope you will enjoy working with us. Mary Kinsey is on a leave of absence. Hurry back, Mary, we all miss you. Our recent party at the County Squire was a huge success.

Resistor Dept.

By Chick and Chuck
Lucy Abuisi is with us again after a few weeks in the hospital. Guess winter has officially arrived as Vic Gay has started taking his cold tonic. Mildred LaCrosse of Pownal had a bit of bad luck recently. Her home was destroyed by fire. The department offers their sympathy. Mary Carnahan went to New York over the Thanksgiving holiday. A stork shower was recently held for Olive Shepley by her co-workers.

Molded Tubulars - - Day Shift

By the Busy Bees
Sue Pollone is enjoying her vacation in New York City and Boston. Betty Romeo stayed home over her vacation. We are glad to see Rachel Garner with us once more after her operation. We were sorry to hear about Eleanor Hall's little girl's accident and we wish her a speedy recovery. We wish Margaret Falvey a speedy recovery and hope she will soon be back. Whenever Johnny Ghidotti hears a bell, he is on his toes and ready to go. He thinks he is still in the fire station.

K. V. A. Department

By Frank Santelli and Eleanor King
Wonder how Deane Brown got back to North Adams after bringing home his girl to Adams—good thing he is a good swimmer. We extend our sympathy to Joe Guertin who missed his first auction in twenty years. Chet Lesnick spent most of his weekend driving back to North Adams from Albany. We know that Chet is a daredevil but this time he was traveling at a snail's pace. Eleanor King's new Nash Rambler has pulled through the flood very well but we are still wondering though if it will start this winter. Phil Garofano was presented a wallet of money as a farewell gift from the gang. He leaves for Germany soon to claim his bride-to-be. Does anybody know where a boat can be reasonably purchased? If so please contact Millie Mahoney so she can get to work without her bathing suit. Barbara Crandal is looking sad these days. Her husband has gone to Florida. Cheer up, Barb, you soon will be there too. Now that Millie Mahoney's son, John, has moved to California to make his home, we are afraid that Millie will get the bug too. Congratulations to Lloyd and Eleanor King on their tenth anniversary November 14.

Molded Tubulars --First Shift

By The Two Eyelets
Happy Anniversary to Bertha Lapan who celebrates hers on December 3. We wish you many more of them. Congratulations to Beatrice Simms who moved into her new home a few days ago. Aren't you lost, Bea, moving from three rooms into six? Where does Rachel Montagna get those lovely big oranges. Won't you tell us, or is it a deep dark secret. Irma Allen has returned from a shopping and pleasure trip to New York City. She especially enjoyed the sights in Chinatown. Bertha Lapan entertained a group of Eyelet girls at a dinner at her home recently. Everyone had a wonderful time. Doris Stone celebrated her third wedding anniversary and Margaret Perrault celebrated hers also. Irene Simon who will soon be married was feted at a shower at the V.F.W. Home recently where she received many gifts.

Industrial Oils

By Ann Heath
George Giroux gave a surprise party for his wife, Helen, recently. Helen was presented many beautiful gifts and lunch and dancing were enjoyed. Especially, Helen would like to thank the Industrial Oil gang for their lovely present. Bernard Fitzpatrick was honored at a dinner at the Sportsman's Club. After dinner, Jack Shields presented Bernie with a purse and we all wish him the best of luck on his new job. Private William Pringle, son of Dot Pringle, was home for the holiday. He is stationed at Camp Lejune, North Carolina. Jim Emery, son of Winnie Emery, enjoyed the holiday with his folks. He attends college in Springfield, Massachusetts. Congratulations to Millie and John Garner who have bought a new home in Williamstown. Best of luck to you both. Al Folino and Al Ferrara went to New York for the weekend but were glad to get back home. Congratulations to Walt Carpenter and his wife, the former Helen Parker, we hope you will be very happy. There is another mystery in the Industrial Oils. What happened to Louis Vincelette's car—now you see it, now you don't. We will organize a scavenger hunt and see what we can do for you, Louis. Welcome to all the new people in our department, we hope you will like being with us.

Final Solderers -- Day Shift

By The Busy Bees
Marion Andrews' husband was one of the lucky winners of a turkey at Newberry's. Birthday congratulations are in order for Jennie Battory. Many more of them, Jennie. We all ought to watch out, Martha Lewis got her license. Josephine Crews spent Thanksgiving in Albany with her son. We all wish Theresa Contois the best of luck on her coming marriage. Have you seen Alice Dupuis' portable television set? It is quite a set. It seemed like the old water bucket days were back again. Something new for this generation. Sue Pollone enjoyed her vacation in New York City and Boston.

Molded Tubulars -- Night Shift

By Lillian Forbush
A Halloween party was held by the girls at which everyone had a good time. Frank Gentile would look good in the Marines, "Thanks to Sandy". What's the matter, Frank, was the skirt too short? Virginia Thompson makes the most wonderful fudge. Now that vacations are over, the girls are talking turkey. Would Thanksgiving have anything to do with it. "Red" Sheehan looks like a million in her new fall outfit. We all miss Mary Sullivan who is out on leave of absence. I would like to have someone help me with this column.



Automatic Rolling Dept.

By Choo Choo
It is good to see Nick Fulginiti back with us once again. Nick has returned from a two-month stay at the Veterans Hospital in Framingham where he had an operation to correct an injury obtained in the service. Ralph Blood went deer hunting during part of his vacation but didn't have any luck. This is the first year since Ralph has been hunting that he hasn't shot a deer. Better luck, next year, Ralph. Jimmy Modena enjoyed his vacation at home, as did Nick Fulginiti. John Raby and his family, who were in New York City over Thanksgiving weekend, all agreed that the recent storm was very bad down there. The flood and windstorm did quite a lot of damage in this area. Most of the fellows in this room were lucky. Damage to our properties was slight with a few shingles blown off roofs, wet walls and water in cellars. We all should give hearty thanks to the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments, Company K, the Tank Company and all who rose to do such a splendid job in the emergency. Let's all fight Tuberculosis by buying Christmas seals.

Sample Lab--Marshall Street

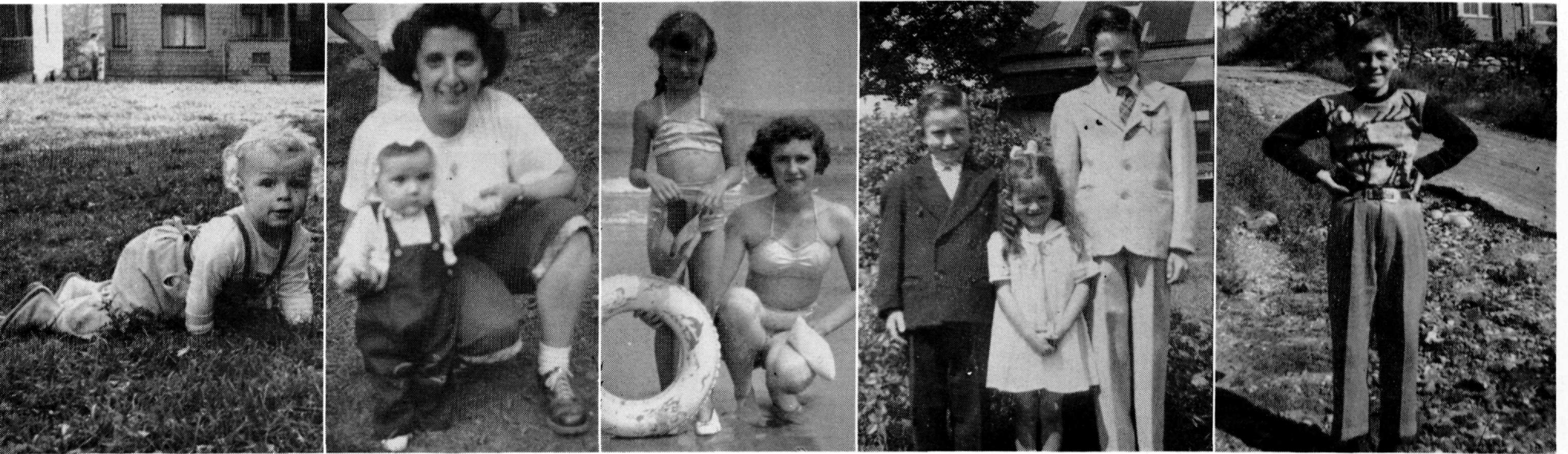
By Isabel Hyndman
A few new employees have joined us since the last writing and we'd like to welcome Marie DeMayo, Bob McDonough and Dave Reed to the de-

partment. Also we would like to welcome Mabel Sorel, a former employee, who is back. Plans are underway for our Christmas party in December. We hope to discover a lot of hidden talent at the affair. Our former co-worker, Bill Richards, is now stationed in Virginia. We all had a good time at his wedding a couple of weeks ago. We are sorry to hear of Frances Morse's mother's illness and wish her a speedy recovery. A lot of the girls are knitting during the lunch hour. Alice Marchio and Fran Morse are finally finishing the socks they started last winter.

Retail Sales

By Hit N' Run
Anniversary greetings are sent to Doris Cardonnel who celebrates her fifteenth wedding anniversary on November 30. Miles Heath made a handsome usher at the wedding of his cousin from Ireland who was married here recently. Doris Patenaude moved to a new house up on Quincy Street. You sure are lucky, Doris, how do you go about finding houses these days? Every time there is a wind storm, Sil Marcil's roof gets blown off. But this time he was lucky, the wind tugged and tugged but to no avail. Mario Magnani will be hunting next week and we hope he has success in bagging himself a deer. If so, we all expect a nice deer steak. Helen Morawiec and Lorraine Lavigne are on their vacations this week. They are staying home recuperating from big Thanksgiving dinners. The new heart throb in the department is Stewart Granger, the tanned "Jungle Jim" of the picture, "King Solomons Mines." Everybody, just everybody thinks that he is just wonderful. Our department held a Thanksgiving party. Lunch was served by two of the girls in the room and games were played. The hit of the party was Mario Magnani who entertained us with his special antics. We girls will take up our weekly bowling again this week. Maybe the two weeks rest that we've had will improve our bowling. High single laurels are still held by Sis Vadnais and Lucille Matranga with their 103.

A saying that is often heard around the room lately is, "Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink."



Billy Swartzter, son of Leslie of Dry Rolling and Eunice formerly of Payroll. Marianne Vecellio and Rita Vecellio, niece and sister of Mary Fulginiti of the Molded Tubular Department. Peggy Ann and Nancy, daughters of Frances Rocray of Round Midget Assembly. Jackie, Harry and Margaret, children of Gladys Kilbride of the Metal Clad Department at Beaver Street. Eddie Gibeau, son of Beatrice of P.A.A. Resealing at Brown Street.



PRIZE PACKAGE

Packages—gay and varied, colorfully wrapped and ribbon-tied are, for many of us, the visible symbol of the gay and festive spirit that is in the air—everywhere at Yuletide. Your packages can really be “something to talk about” this year. You needn’t be limited by the traditional red and green combination, good as that always is, for many new papers, new ribbons and new colors are now available.

A new fluorescent ribbon to be had this year in bright glowing tones, has a special finish which gives a luminous sheen. When used with the new dark papers, or those with a suede-like surface, you will achieve a package that is very 1950 in appearance. Then, too, there are the latest versions of the glittery tinsels and metallic ribbons; the shiny satins; and timely printed ones. These, together with the rich foil papers, lovely plain-colored ones, and others telling the Christmas story in pictures, all are designed to help you make your packages extra special.

Choose ribbons that will blend or contrast with your paper. For instance, a moss green ribbon on a gold-papered box becomes more exciting by the addition of a touch of flaming tangerine. Cerise and white bows on pale blue paper; a lemony yellow ribbon tied around a dark green package, with scarlet for accent; or lime and brown ribbons on paper of a coppery tone—indicate some of the more unusual ways in which to use color.

To make lovely packages, you need not tie yourself into bows—either literally or figuratively. The ability to wrap packages beautifully is not the prerogative of any one small group—it is a skill that can be mastered by all of us and here’s how...

WRAP IT AND TIE IT

Clear an adequate working space flat, firm and with plenty of elbow room. Assemble all your equipment: scissors, seals, glue, ribbons, papers, boxes, etc. Wrap your gift in fresh tissue and place it in a box of proper size. If the paper has a pattern, be sure you so place the box that the design will be well-spaced on the top. Fold paper over, pull smooth and taut, fold ends neatly and fasten with scotch tape or decorative seals. If box is large, tape two sheets of paper together, and proceed as you would with a single sheet. The seams may be concealed with ribbon. Two different colors, or a printed paper combined with a plain one, will produce a novelty effect.

AND MAKE A BOW

No matter how you choose to tie the ribbon around the box (crossed through the middle for a square box, crossed at either or both ends for an oblong one—etc.), the bow is always made separate, ly and attached to the box later.

To make a big, full bow, use ribbon 2” to 3” wide. Pinch gathers in ribbon about 3” from one end, and hold between thumb and forefinger of left hand. With right hand, make a loop about 2” long, and pinch in gathers. Continue looping ribbon back and forth always holding finished loops in left hand until you have made enough to give the desired fullness. (The

narrower the ribbon, the more loops that will be needed.) Tie tightly through center with wire or ribbonzene. Fluff out loops into a round pouff, and attach bow to package. About 3 yards of ribbon is required for a nice full bow.

FOR A TAILORED, TWO TONED TRIMMING

Use two contrasting ribbons (print and plain, or different colors), each about 1” wide. Place wrong sides of ribbons together and lay flat on table. Make a series of flat loops working back and forth; keeping each loop directly over the one below, and a little shorter. Keep center flat, do not pinch into gathers. Secure through center with scotch tape, and pin flowers berries or an ornament over the center.

ADDING THE GINGERBREAD

Little angels, snowmen, animals, etc. may be placed on the package; and sprigs of holly or spruce or other greens tucked in with the bow add a seasonal note. Try tying a soft knot near the end of 4 or 5 extra lengths of ribbon. Attach these to the box under the bow so they will fall loosely across package.

Give your packages a fairy touch by the use of “flitter” a glittering, sand-like material. It comes in red or green or blue, gold or silver, at art or gift shops. It may be used on the ribbons, or directly on the package. The parts are to be decorated are lightly touched with mucilage, flitter sprinkled on generously, and the excess shaken off. Another way of getting glitter on your packages is to attach small Christmas balls to the ends of the tying ribbons. Remove the cotter pin from the ball, push one end of pin through the edge of the ribbon then replace both ends in the ball.

For packages with sound effects, attach small bells to loops of ribbon and string clothesline fashion across the box.

Did you know that metallic and tinsel ribbons will curl? Simply draw the ribbon over the blunt edge of a knife. If you cut 10” lengths, tie them together in the center, and curl each end, you will have a fluffy, “curl-icue” rosette.

ARE BOTTLES YOUR PROBLEM

One answer is to wrap them with aluminum foil, it is very crushable and molds easily to the shape of the bottle. You can tie a big red bow at the neck, or dress it up with a ribbon skirt. To make this “skirt”, glue lengths of ½” wide ribbon to a matching band of wider ribbon. Fasten the band around the neck of the bottle so that strips hang to the bottom edge. The more strips, the fuller the skirt. You can attach small bells to some of the strips, to tinkle jovially each time the bottle is lifted. Another way to handle a bottle is to roll it in corrugated paper to form a cylinder. Stuff tissue around neck, and wrap in paper. Have the paper longer than the roll and slash the ends to form a fringe. Tie with ribbon bows and lo! the bottle has turned into a giant party “snapper.” If you use plain white paper, wind red ribbon spirally around the cylinder, and top with a red Christmas ball, you’ll end up with a miniature barber pole.

FOR THE MALE OF THE SPECIES

Omit the frou-frou. If you use bows, make them flat and tailored. Choose masculine colors in both paper and ribbon—browns, dark greens, greys, etc. The package may be decorated with pictures typical of masculine interests, such as sport scenes; or it may be trimmed with gadgets indicative of a particularly hobby; i.e. colorful fishing flies, a toy gun, miniature camera, a deck of cards, or even bright packages of seeds. For the “strictly business” man, wrap your offering in the financial page of the local paper, tie with gold ribbon, and decorate with play money—bills and coins.

Courtesy of Ribbon Guild



Misc. Paper Finish

By Velma Lincoln

To our department we welcome Anna Fourtoun and Lorraine LaMarre. We hope you enjoy working with us.

Gertrude Deso enjoyed Thanksgiving with friends and relatives in Poughkeepsie. She saw plenty of the destruction caused by the flood when she was returning from her trip.

Betty Fleury now has a walking table — each morning it is moved in another place. One of these days, Betty, it will talk to you.

Agnes Perry had a minor operation at the North Adams Hospital. She will be out of work for a few weeks. The girls will certainly miss you, Agie.

Gertrude Hall’s friend, Stanley Noel, shot a nice six point deer at Somerset, Vermont and Velma Lincoln’s husband, Charles, her son Chuck and her brother Frank Harrison, also shot deer in Somerset.

We would like to see more of Stephanie Szurek’s smile, why must she sit with her back to us?

Lucille Falco and Lorraine LaMarre are the two girls who do all the painting in our department. They sure can swing a paint brush.

F. P. Finish

By Jan Robinson

Well, here we are at Marshall Street in a big, new, beautiful room.

A warm welcome to all the newcomers in the department.

It is swell to have you back with us Cora Ryan. We’re glad to see you have recuperated completely from your operation.

Our best wishes to Helen Denno. We hope you are feeling better and will be back with us soon.

Well Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is just around the corner, and with Christmas comes Christmas parties. Ours is to be at the Clarksburg Sportsmen’s Club on December 19. If everyone has as much fun as usual, it will be a wonderful party. I’ll tell you more about it later on.

We’re sorry to hear Roma Kock’s father-in-law is ill. Hope he will be better soon.

Al DiLorenzo’s main topic of conversation these days is “my baby.” Of course he’s referring to his little girl, Diane. Talk about your proud pops! !

Misc. Paper Assembly By Ruth Haskins

We warmly welcome the newest members of our department, Marjorie Richer, Marion Pandell, Mary Isgro, Jeanette Pinette, Rose Charbonneau, Barbara Exford, Delina Biagini, Irene Richardson, Ida Scaia and Joseph Miller.

Ida Scaia, who has worked with us before, has just returned from a five-month tour of Europe, where she visited Italy, France and Switzerland. In Italy she visited relatives and saw the Pope in Rome. Ida has a splendid collection of pictures which she took in the three countries, including especially good ones of the Alps in Switzerland.

Jessie Meczywor has moved into her new apartment which has been completely redecorated and modernized. Lucky girl.

Jerry Porio was a member of the B.F.W. Bombers Football Team of Adams this past season. The team didn’t do very well, in fact they never did score a touchdown. However, undaunted, Jerry says, to quote “Our pictures came out awfully good.”

Machine Shop

By Nick and John

We are sorry to hear that Bert Peters and Bill Barber are ill at home.

Our one and only Archie Lemeaux told of a friend of his getting a baby moose (only weighed 1400 pounds). Knowing Archie so well, this friend presented him with six pork chops, moose chops to you or so says Archie.

Barney Barnhardt was an unlucky Vermont state deer hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Dennison MacDonald and family of East Haven, Connecticut recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Hugh MacDonald of the Machine Shop.

Mr. William Barber recently enjoyed his annual vacation visiting New York City while Frank Petrie spent his first week in Philadelphia and his second week deer hunting.

Harry Cassidy enjoyed his vacation at home.

Metal Clad Department

By Barbara Jones

Let’s start out with a big welcome to all of the new girls in the department. Glad to have you with us and we hope you will enjoy working in Metal Clad.

Congratulations to our recent brides, Irene, Mary, Jean and Dot. The best of luck, girls.

Our good wishes to Lorraine, Gladys and Dorothy on their engagements.

Glad to see Alyce and Millie back at work. We missed you both.

Happy birthday to Lou, Agnes and Gladys. Hope you have many more.

Everyone is glad to see Ralph back at work and we are all glad his accident isn’t more serious.

From all reports everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and are now looking forward to the next big holiday.

Dry Tubular Finish

By M. Hauptfleisch

Several of the girls in this Department will be flashing new fur coats for Christmas while Jane Rudnick and Marjorie McConnell will be riding around in new Pontiacs. Congratulations, girls.

Ruth Edmonds just returned from a one-week vacation looking fresh as a daisy.

Specifications Engineering

By Fran Melito

Our “Hi Sign” is out to Lena Mullette and Joan O’Hearn. We do hope you like us.

Welcome back to Don Denault who will be with us until January. Don is also attending Northeastern University.

A get-well wish to you, Tava Brophy, from all of us. Hurry and get well as we miss you.

A birthday party for Laurette DeBlois was held recently. Laurette wouldn’t divulge her age, but we can guess. Seriously though, Laurette, here’s hoping you have many more.

Priscilla Gebauer tells us she has purchased all of her Christmas presents but three—lucky girl!

SPRAGUE PRODUCTS COMPANY

By Rita English and Jane Gordon

After a very pleasant trip to Washington, D. C., Jane Gordon is back at work. Glad you had a nice time, Jane.

Janice Fowler, our contribution to the Sprague Lassies, sprained her ankle playing in the Thanksgiving Day game, however, she is back to work even though she had to come in on crutches. Nice going, Janice.

Our bowling teams are as enthusiastic as ever especially Helen Daniels who bowled a 133 string total at our last meet. Nice bowling, Helen.

We are glad to welcome as new employees, Lois Rubin, Myrna Lavanway, Edith Hurd and Alfonso Puccio.

OUR SAFETY CORNER



Don’t move an injured person UNLESS YOU KNOW HOW

WHY BE SAFE?

“Do you eat to live or Do you live to eat?”

You could ask the same question about safety. Do you act safely in order to live or do you exist just to do things safely?

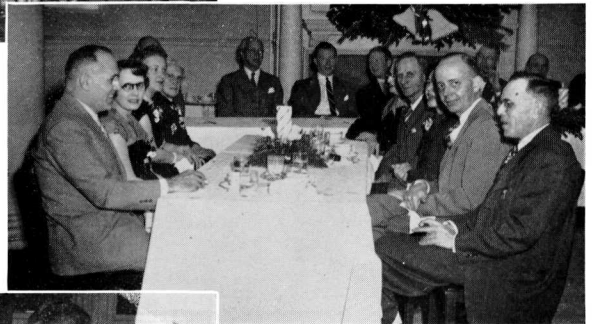
Safety is not an end in itself. The main point of preventing accidents is to make it possible for all of us to live normal lives.

Preventing accidents is like keeping air in the tires of your car. It may not be the most important thing you can do, but it gives you a lot better ride—and it may save your life.

ANNUAL SERVICE PIN DINNER

November 29, 1950

The Richmond Hotel



Mr. Robert E. Wall, Vice-President of the Wall Streeter Shoe Company compliments guests on their long service with Sprague Electric Company.

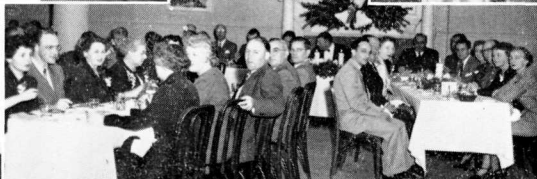


Top Center picture shows the employees who have been with Sprague Electric twenty years.

In the center picture, Mr. John D. Washburn looks on while Mr. Henry Puppola receives his ten-year pin from Mr. R. C. Sprague.



Some of the many employees and their guests who enjoyed the annual service pin dinner.



Miss Jennie Battory receives her fifteen year pin. In the bottom picture, Mr. Harry Wein, Acting Mayor of North Adams, speaks to the group. On his left is Mr. John D. Washburn and on his right is Mr. William J. Nolan.



SPORTS

Kenny Russell

1950-1951 SPRAGUE GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM



In the front row are left to right: Mary Gordon, Clara Shaker, Visky Wisniowski, Pat Gilmore, Dot D'Arcangelo and Gertrude Rusek. Standing are left to right: Manager Art Mathews, Joan Shays, Janice Fowler, Jeannette Roy, Theresa Bissaillon, Marge Wittig, Lois Greene and Coach Cas Sanecki.

SPRAGUE BASKETBALL:
Sprague "Lassies":

The Sprague "Lassies" lost their opening game of the season to the formidable Professional Drug Girls from Pittsfield in the Shire City. The final score was 49-35 but that does not begin to tell the terrific struggle put up by the locals. Score at half time was only 19-15 and only a belated surge late in the 3rd quarter proved to be the undoing for the Sprague "Lassies." Altogether the showing made; and the spirit seen; give one the impression that the season ahead should be highly successful. Mary Gordon and "Visky" Wisnowski led the attack for the "Lassies."

Sprague "Royals":

The Sprague "Royals" have organized for the coming year. Acting Coach for the club is Joe Moreau, former Drury star who is well-known in sport circles in this area. The following players compose the roster: Harry Brown, Dean Brown, Bob Pettit, Dave Trombley, Joe Koczela, Stan Koczela, Joe Brewer and "Red" Lewitt. Managing this fine aggregation is Milan Scalise.

Manager Scalise and Coach Moreau will welcome more players and any Sprague employes (males preferred) are eligible to try out.

F-L-A-S-H — "Royals" win opener by downing the "Y" Panthers 43-39. Stan Koczela starred with 23 points while brother Joe tossed 11. Good luck fellas!

BASKETBALL:

High School:

Williamstown had the distinction of being the first High School in this area to pry off the lid on another basketball season.

The College-towners entertained

North Bennington at the high school gym and came from behind to win 52-42.

In their second outing, the college town lads were downed by Williams High of the Southern Berkshire Loop by the close score of 38-34.

Local St. Joseph High fell before the veteran Searles High Five at the Drury gym. The final score was 45-30. Searles has a veteran squad and is a general favorite to cop the crown in the Southern circuit.

Pittsfield St. Joseph opened its exhibition schedule by belting Lee before an over-flow crowd in Pittsfield. Fred Broderick high scoring full back, is once more a rampaging scorer on the courts, as he led the Hoyas with 17 markers. Pittsfield St. Joseph next, won over Lenox, but only after a terrific battle. Either the parochial lads were a little off or Lenox is going to be mighty tough in the Down County League this season.

Drury High opened its exhibition pre-schedule season by beating Troy in a fast game at the State Armory. Score was Drury 39 Troy 24. The veteran Drury quintet looked very good in their opener, and if they continue to play the brand of ball displayed at the opener then Drury can definitely be figured in the Northern Berkshire race.

Adams High launched its 1950-51 campaign with Lee at Lee and was compelled to accept defeat 38-34. With Captain Chet Bury as the only holdover, Coach Chet Zabek's lads did very well and only lost out in the last few minutes.

Local St. Joseph came up with a fine exhibition of foul shooting and won over Williams High at Stockbridge. 17 foul shots were made by the charges of Coach "Bill" Berry and this was better than 50% of the 31 shots awarded the parochial lads.

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC GIRLS
BOWLING LEAGUE

Team Standing November 28

Teams	Won	Lost
Alley Cats.....	25	8
Metal Clad Assembly.....	24	9
Industrial Oils.....	24	9
Beaverettes.....	22	11
Independents.....	21	12
Western Electric.....	9	24
Dry Rolling.....	6	27
The Sharpies.....	1	32
High Ind. Single—Ann Mason	121	
High Ind. Triple—Nancy Puppolo	310	
High Team Single—Industrial Oils	478	
High Team Triple—Ind. Oils	1345	
Strikes—Mary Dextrateur	6	
High Ind. Average on Each Team:		

	Pct.	Stgs.
N. Puppolo—Ind. Oils...	92.1	30
H. Martel—Metal Clad...	91.7	33
A. Mason—Sharpies.....	91.1	30
D. DePaoli—Alley Cats...	89.4	33
M. Wittig—Beaverettes...	88.4	30
M. Tassone—Independents	87.3	15
I. Anton—W. E. Rollers...	84.9	33
M. Kawa—Dry Rolling...	83.7	33

COLLEGE FOOTBALL:

We noted that the All New England College football selections by the Boston Post honored two Williams boys and one from St. Michaels Capt. "Pete" DeLisser at quarter and Pete Fisher at end, were selected to the first team. "Bob" Kately of this city and former Drury star, was placed at end on the third team.

Upsets continue to rule the roost in college football circles. Illinois dropped a heart-breaker to Northwestern and this defeat coupled with Michigans surprise win over Ohio State gave the Rose Bowl selection to Michigan. Both of these games were played under adverse weather conditions, that undoubtedly had a great deal to do with the final outcome.

Tennessee toppled hitherto unbeaten Kentucky score 7-0. California undefeated was tied by a pepped up Stanford eleven 7-7. Penn. was beaten by Cornell in a sea of mud—score was 14-6.

However Princeton squeezed by Dartmouth to cap a glorious season unbeaten and untied in 9 encounters. To Coach Charlie Caldwell and his Princeton "Tigers" go the Orchids for the season.

F L A S H—F L A S H—F L A S H!!
This was the upset of upsets.
NAVY-14 ARMY-2



At the Holy Name Smoker held on November 17 are left to right, Mr. Sheldon Jones, pitcher for the New York Giants, Reverend Leonard Burke, Mr. Tommy Henrick of the New York Yankees who was the guest speaker, Berny Bullet, Eddie Hurley, umpire in the American League and James Fullerton, Vice President of the Holy Name Society.

Navy completely out-played and out-gunned the Army to turn in a brilliant win.

Yours truly has never seen a football season come up with so many startling scores and made by the underdogs.

But after all that is what makes all American Sports the kind we like to see and participate in—everyone has a chance—and thrills come thick and fast.

Virginia also pulled a mild upset by thrashing North Carolina U. 43-14. Texas Christian turned on Southern Methodist and won 27-13.

Georgia Tech, an underdog rose and smashed Georgia University 7-0.

Ole Mississippi outlasted Mississippi State to score another upset 26-20.

And so the curtain comes down on the 1950 Football Season but many fans will never forget the thrills of the past season and all capped by Navy's stunning upset over favored Army. Certainly an orchid to the "Middies" from Annapolis.

Here are some of the New Year's Day Bowl Games:

Rose Bowl—California vs. Michigan
Sugar Bowl—Oklahoma vs. Kentucky
Cotton Bowl—Texas vs. Tennessee
Orange Bowl—Miami vs. Clemson

WILLIAMS COLLEGE

Basketball:

Williams sets sail into its 1950-51 basketball schedule on December 9 on a Saturday when they entertain Union at Lasell Gym. Coach Al Shaw will have a wealth of material on hand as he lost only Captain George Ditmar and George Bush from his regular squad.

The defending champions of the "Little Three" have the experience to take the crown but will have to be careful of over-confidence.

Fagerburg and Jackson, two veteran performers are giving up basketball for this season and Jack Fraser has an injury that will sideline him for probably the entire schedule. However, Williams will be able to send out on to the floor, Big Harry Sheehy and Bob Larsen, co-captains, for guards, Coach Shaw has Paul Cramer, Ed Shudt (fans watch this boy), Pete Smith and Walt Morse. At forward, Don Speck, Rick Avery and some good material from the Freshman squad of a year ago.

Here Is The 23 Game
Williams Schedule

Dec.	9	Union	Home
	16	Massachusetts	
	19	Trinity	Home
	28	St. Bonaventure	
	29	Rochester	
	30	Buffalo	
Jan.	2	No. Adams State Teachers	
	6	St. Michael's	
	12	Bowdoin	Home
	13	Tufts	Home
	17	Army	
	20	Wesleyan	
Feb.	2	New York Athletic Club	
	3	Hofstra	
	10	Boston College	Home
	14	Middlebury	Home
	17	Open	
	21	Wesleyan	Home
	24	Worcester Poly Tech	
	28	Springfield	
Mar.	3	Amherst	
	7	R.P.I.	
	10	Amherst	Home



Scenes from the Office Union election and supper which was recently held at the Clarksburg Sportsmen's Club. It looks like everyone was having a good time.